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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Formal drawings are enclosed herein.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

In the title, please delete "APPLICATION" and insert --APPLICATOR--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGS. 1 and 2 illustrate a first embodiment of the invention. FIG. 1 is an exploded view while FIG. 2 is a top plan view. A laminar application device 20 of the present invention comprises a substantially planar applicator substrate 32, an interposed substantially planar patch 44, and a substantially planar release substrate 24. The applicator substrate 32 comprises a graspable tab 36 extending outwardly therefrom. The applicator substrate 32 also comprises an interior surface 49. The interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32 comprises an adhesive means that is bonded, coated, formed, laminated, or otherwise applied to the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32 to comprise an adhesive area 40. The adhesive area 40 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 extends about 40% of the interior surface 49 but does not extend to the tab 36 of the applicator substrate 32. Preferably the adhesive area extends about 1% to about 95%, more